

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 3, 2021 TEAMS Meeting On-line**

Attendance:

Academic

Michelle Askew
Caitlin James
Christina Wilbur
Jim Cammack
Nancy Longlet
Michelle Judice

Technical

Maurice Abelman
Jim Powel
Helen Fonteno
*Morgan Chaddick
George Bohn
Tonya Harbert
*Matthew Roe
Sherry Lejeune
Blas Canado
Brandon Buckner
JoAnna Gott

Staff:

David Morales

Adjunct Rep:

Chelsey Galloway

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Jim Cammack President called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were accepted as presented. A quorum was reached.

Welcome

- New and returning faculty senate members welcomed

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Old Business

- Faculty Senate officers to meet with Mary Wickland to review finance compensation for faculty

New Business

- 3% raise increase
- 12 students above same time last year (2578 students)

- New Faculty Senate Committee members assigned
- New campus phone system coming
- Faculty mental health issues and resources available

Committee Reports

Academic Issues: No Report

Awards Nominations: No Report

Facilities: No Report

Faculty Development Welfare: No Report

Faculty & Campus Relations: No Report

Finance/Compensation: 3% salary increase

Tribute Fund: Jim Cammack reported \$90 in the fund

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee: - Will resume faculty dinner after commencement in December 2021

LU-B Faculty Senate: Faculty had no Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes posted on their website - no representative

LIT Faculty Senate: Faculty had no Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes posted on their website -no representative

LSCO Faculty Senate: Faculty had no Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes posted on their website - no representative

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Betty Reynard, Dr. Pam Millsap, Jim Cammack, Brandon Buckner, and Michelle Judice met to discuss events on campus on August 27, 2021 and a report was given to the Faculty Senate. Topics included:

- Enrollment update: total student number down approximately 3%; Contact hours down; Dual-enrollment still registering; PNG and East Chambers student numbers helping
- Budget: Approved August 12-13, 2021; State funding decrease \$4 M
- Ruby Fuller Ribbon Cutting, 3 – 5 PM, Wednesday, September 15; Classes now held in that building; No 9/11 Remembrance Breakfast this year; Financial Literacy classes in it
- Allied Health Building: to be addressed in next legislative meeting; No portable buildings or current building additions
- Book Bundling: September 8 last day to opt out of book package; Barnes & Noble contract is with all four campuses
- Wage Compensation: faculty salary increases 3%
- Student advising/Registering: Appointments Plus to be replaced in the near future; faculty should be advising
- Handbooks: Faculty Senate officers asked to review new version of Faculty handbook; new Policies & Procedures Handbook coming
- COVID: Students advised to wear masks and be vaccinated, as well as faculty and staff; Faculty expected to model correct behavior in regards to pandemic protocol

- Plagiarism & Cheating: Need consistency in faculty definition and penalties. Senate should appoint committee to deal with campus practices.
- Laptops: to be made available as loans for up to 100 students
- Armory: renovations progressing; new building happening
- Truck Driving Center: architects currently working on it; located between Prisons and Dream Center; operational by Spring 2022; Dr. Stafford working on large EDA Grant
- New Faculty: 10 new hires

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Michelle Judice, Secretary